



The Wood Spinner

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Central Virginia Woodturners

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President's Corner

Hello all.

We had a fine turnout and a fine meeting on January 15, complete with some exceptional items on the show and tell table and a large number of visitors with several signing on as new members. May this set the tone for the whole year ahead. It is the teamwork of all, both the officers working together as well as the active participation of the various members, that makes our club work.

We will try to fine-tune the seating and table layout, but having us seated during the Show and Tell seemed to work well for the majority of people. Be sure to take the time to look at pieces up close afterwards.

I want to encourage all to use the nametags every meeting. It makes it easier for all of us with porous memories. In addition there will be a sign-up sheet at the beginning of each meeting for help with cleanup.

I'm very happy to have Denny Martin and Mars Champaign stepping in to help John with the video. We will try to get the process a little more streamlined, but it will always take time and attention to make it work, and the results over the years should give us a fine library of our own educational demos.

There is a ongoing effort to get some additional dependable power outlets in our main room. We will keep you posted on what the county and the Ruritans are willing and able to do in that regard. Also we will be contacting the cheerful cloggers to see if we can get the scheduling straightened out.

On a final note, many thanks again to Ron Dearing for wearing so many hats the past 2 years and for all the work he did. It reflects many many hours of volunteer work. I should also mention that Dennis Hippen stepped in to take over the treasury and has done an outstanding job straightening that out as well as many other necessary details. John O'Neil didn't sign up to do all the video but he sure has carried the ball. The work that they and all the other officers do make it possible for me to look responsible but not have to do all that much. I thank them one and all.

We need your help!

Suggest a name for this newsletter

Let's have a little fun creating a name that is descriptive, energetic, and creative and fun.

A sample idea is in this issue's banner.

Ideas Welcome.

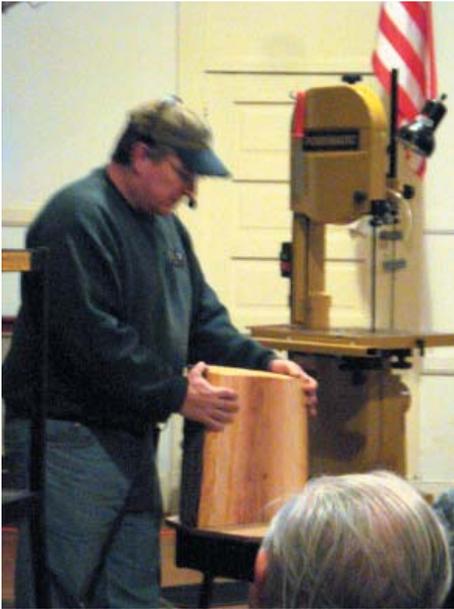
If you have a demo that you would like to do for the club, sign up now. We need to get our calendar filled. Contact: Bert Smith, email woodsmith600@comcast.net

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Lori Smith holding Jim Higgins' bowl

Photos from Cutting Turning Stock with a Bandsaw Demo



January Meeting Notes

January 15, 2008 at 6:30 pm
Crimora Community Center

The regular meeting of the Central Virginia Woodturners Chapter of AAW was held at Crimora Community Center, and called to order at 6:30 PM by newly elected President, Fred Williamson. We had 52 attendees, which is a big crowd for regular meeting. Word must have spread that Bert Smith was the demo fellow!

First item of business was to present Craft Supply certificates to Ron Dearing and John O'Neil as a token of great thanks for 2-year full term service as officers of CVW.

Fred covered several agenda items. Purchase of sharpening system for club was discussed. Bob Harris volunteered to donate his Wolverine System to the club for future demos. Thank you Bob! Bert Smith briefly covered status of future programs/paid demonstrators. Schedule for

2008 monthly demos will be forthcoming. Mentoring members by other club members is being addressed and will be organized by new officers. Meanwhile, if interested, call a current officer to set up a session.

A new meeting format was tried with timelines, which seemed to work well. Locating the library and supply sales in the classroom also seemed to work well although it was a bit chilly. There were positive feedbacks on being seated for Show/Tell with video coverage and a microphone for those showing.

Dennis Martin and Mars Campaign have volunteered to help John O'Neil with the video system.

See Treasurer's Report along with Show/Tell in newsletter.

Bert Smith demonstrated "SAFE" techniques using a band saw to prepare turning blanks. Much informa-

tion/new techniques were shared. It was suggested that the handout of "tips" Bert provided and covered in demo be made available in newsletter and/or on website.

There was also discussion of the Mentoring Program. A number of people expressed interest in it, so we want to put it into place with a list of those available to mentor being posted, so those who want to can contact them to set up their own sessions.

Robert Harris brought a selection of woods which gave us a record \$130 income from the silent auction. He also had a number of his tools for sale.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM on schedule!

Report from CVW Secretary by Dennis Hippen for Todd Clare

Central Virginia Woodturners Mentorship Program

This program has been started to allow club members who need help learning the basics of woodturning, or would like to learn new techniques from some of our more experienced members.

The Mentorship Program will be a club sponsored event, therefore a few rules must be put in place in order for this program to succeed.

A list of members volunteering to mentor will be made available through the Mentorship Program Director.

Mentors must:

- Be a member of CVW and the AAW
- Instruct students on the proper safety precautions of woodturning

Students must:

- Be a member of the CVW
- Read and understand the attached rules of safe woodturning
- Set up a date and time to meet with mentor
- Contact the Mentorship Program Coordinator informing him/her of the date and time.

This should be a great program, and will benefit both the student and the mentor. It is our hope that you find this experience very rewarding, and that it will help you grow as a woodturner.

Central Virginia Woodturners Officers
Planning Board



Some Safety Tips on Cutting Turning Stock with a Bandsaw

Before turning on the saw:

- Check blade tension
- Adjust guides / blocks per manufacturer's specs
- Place stock to be cut on table and
- Lower the blade guard to about 1/4" above stock

To cut stock safely:

- Make sure stock stays flat against the table
- NEVER, EVER attempt to cut round stock with a bandsaw!
- Feed stock at a slow rate
- When cutting curves with a wide blade, make several relief cuts instead of trying to follow a line.
- If it is necessary to back out of a cut, stop the saw before backing out
- KEEP HANDS, FINGERS and LOOSE CLOTHING away from the blade
- NEVER place your hand in line with the cut
- Use a push stick for any cut that is close to the blade
- Don't reach across the saw for any reason

Other common sense rules:

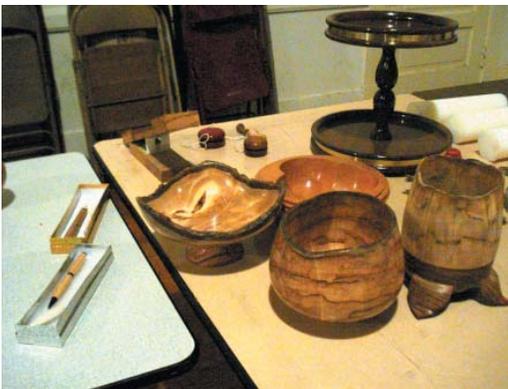
When using your band saw, there will often be very small pieces of stock that are cut off of your big piece of wood during the cutting process. Do not attempt to flick these away from the blade with your fingers. Use another piece of stock or a push stick, preferably with the blade stopped. Never leave loose pieces on your table that may impede your cut.

When working with woodworking machinery, do everything you can to avoid distractions. Never avert your eyes from the tool; finish the cut or safely turn off the saw before diverting your attention. If you are tired, don't attempt to use the saw. Too often, injuries occur because the operator was distracted, even for only a moment.

These tips are by no means the definitive list of safety measures. Your manufacturer's instructions should be read and kept handy for a refresher. There are many great articles on bandsaw safety on the internet also. Just Google "bandsaw safety"!

WEAR SAFETY GLASSES

Show and Tell Examples



Selected Features AAW American Woodturner Journal

There are a couple of items in the latest issue of the AAW American Woodturner Journal that could/should be of interest to our club members:

Pen Turning for the Troops

The AAW is promoting a challenge to all turners who turn pens to make one or more to be sent to service men serving in the Iraq war. To date more than 74,500 pens have been made and sent to combatants in Iraq. Details can be found on page 8-9 of the Winter edition of the Journal, or by going to freedompens.org on the Internet.



Woodturning for the Blind Educational Opportunity

Unfortunately, this second item has passed deadline, but we should watch for it for next year. The AAW sponsors the EOG (Educational Opportunities Grant) program. Grants of up to \$1000 per individual, and \$1500 per chapter are available. For some time now, I have been mulling over a personal idea to offer some form of tutoring at the Virginia School for the Deaf and Blind in Staunton. I have considered applying for an individual grant, or suggesting a club effort and applying for a chapter grant. I have let this year pass without action, only due to lack of diligence. I don't plan to let next year slip by. Anyone interested in a club effort? For information on the EOG grants see page 9 in the

Winter Journal or go to woodturners.org.

Note: I am not conversant in ASL, but presume some form of translation could be made available for those that are hearing impaired. I also recently read of a blind man who has learned turning and is making a living doing it.

Ron Dearing

Club Challenge

Anyone interested in the Chapter Collaborative Challenge for the 2008 AAW Symposium? Please see a club officer.

Info can be found at www.woodturner.org/sym/sym2008/Collaborative.pdf

Coming Shows, Symposiums & Events

Alaska—Fourth Annual Alaska Woodturners Symposium March 9-10. Anchorage, Alaska. For info email Bill Bowers at turningsbb@gmail.com or akwoodturners.org.

North Carolina—“A Day at the Lathe” Saturday, April 5 in Concord, NC. Featuring nationally and internationally recognized woodturners Dave Barriger, Larry Hasiak, and John Lucas. Each turner will present a two-hour woodturning demonstration; Dave Barriger—Elevated Turnings, Larry Hasiak—Following the Low Tech Way, and John Lucas—Hand Mirrors. For info go to spwoodturners.org.

Georgia—Southern States VII Woodturning, April 25-27 at the Georgia Mountains Center in Gainesville, GA. Information at southernstates.org.

Virginia—2008 AAW National Conference, June 20-22, Richmond, VA. This is an exceptional opportunity. As the host state, volunteers are needed.



Treasurer's Report

Silent auction rendered (I think maybe) an all time record of \$ 140.25. Wood donated by Bob Harris boosted club to a new record with about +\$30 from bidders. Thank you Bob Harris!

We had another 14 folk pay 2008 dues for a total of \$280. (3-4 folk were brand new members to the club). To date we have a total of 46 paid members.

Total from the auction of \$140.25 + \$280 from dues gave us a deposit today of \$ 420.25. Including the payment for gift certificates deducted for John and Ron, the current balance is \$ 1567.67.

Want Ads

For Sale: Cast Iron Delta Lathe with two (one unused) motors, several pulleys, several tool rests, mobile stand, etc. Used less than one year. \$550;

Contact Hilel Salomon 540 456 8623, or 803 787 5973.

For Sale: Stihl MS 460 24" Chain Saw, used only once, \$700.00

Delta/Milwaukee Industrial Heavy Duty Planer, 5 HP motor, \$700.00

Call Harlan Hott at (304)538-6153 if you're interested in buying either or both of the above items.

Craftsman Lathe Variable speed Model 351.217150 with boxed extra motor, \$400.00

Call John Mott at (304)257-1387

For Sale: 1/2" shaper on mobile wooden stand. 1/2HP motor, several HSS cutters. All only used slightly. \$150.

Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774

For Sale: Powermatic 4224, 2 years old, excellent condition, \$3500.

Contact Starke Smith

For Sale: Craftsman Industrial worm-drive skill saw Hardly used \$75.

Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774

For Sale: Bob also has a Husqvarna 20 inch chain saw for sale.

He is asking \$250.

Anyone interested should contact Dennis Hippen.

For Sale: Heavy duty 15" disk sander with rack and pinion height and angle adjustments. Cast iron pedestal base 1HP motor wired for 220V, but can be converted to 110V. Extra 15" steel platter and sanding disks. \$250.

Contact John O'Neil 540-939-4774



Bert Smith's typical day at the bandsaw

About Central Virginia Woodturners

Central Virginia Woodturners is a local chapter of the AAW with over 61 active members. Club meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month from 6:30 to 9:00 P.M. Meetings are held at the Crimora Community Center.

Directions—to the Crimora Community Center on Route 612 just west of Rt. 340 in Crimora.

From Staunton and points north—

From I-81 take the Rt. 612 exit (Verona Exit) east, or

From route 11 just north of Verona, turn east onto Rt. 612, across from Burger King. Stay on 612, for 10-12 miles.

As soon as you cross South River, the Crimora Community Center is on your left.

From Charlottesville and points east, from I-64—

Take Exit 96 (Lyndhurst Exit) and go north on Delphine Street.

After a mile or so you will cross 250E at the Hess Station and join 340 north.

Alternatively you can take Exit 99 at the top of Afton Mountain and get onto 250 West. Go 3 miles to turn right at the Hess Station, 340 north.

From there it is 6 miles to Crimora.

Turn Left on Rt. 612 at the BP gas station.

Go about 1 mile crossing RR tracks. The center is on the right just after the RR tracks.

Contact information:

For information on attending CVW meetings or joining CVW, contact: Fred Williamson, CVW President, f1w2@cville.net; Bert Smith, CVW Vice President—Events, woodsmith600@adelphia.net; Starke Smith, starke@cfw.com; or, Dennis Hippen, CVW Treasurer, Hipwood@comcast.net.

